

Church Matters



The growing Benefice of All Saints' Martock, Holy Trinity Ash,
St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi and St Peter & St Paul Muchelney

All Saints' Martock registered charity no: 1160333
Holy Trinity Ash & St Martin's Kingsbury Episcopi have charitable status

Sunday 30th November 2025



First Sunday of Advent

All Saints' Martock

9.30am Benefice Service of Holy Communion

with Revd Ben Rundell-Evans

SIDESMEN: Pete & Jen Symonds

READERS: Hilary & Dave Bull

INTERCESSOR: Ann Hall

HYMNS: A&M 41, 42, on sheet, 327

The Collect :

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us
in great humility; that on the last day,
when he shall come again
in his glorious majesty to judge the living
and the dead, we may rise to the life
immortal; through him who is alive and
reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer :

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming
of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

We remember those who are sick including Richard Scrivener, Geoff Lucas,
Vivienne Brissett, Mavis Hook, Tracey Fillery

We remember those who have died including Janet & David Wilkinson, Julia
Jackson, Barbara Moore, Daphne Pope, Anthony Vivian, Linda Makin

In Memoriam: Len Pearse, Bob Terrell, Janice Roberts, Carol Porter, Maurice
Curtis, Jim Kerr, Michael Salway, Evelyn Scott, Simon Frazer, Jack Dobbs

BIBLE READINGS for Sunday 30 November 2025

Old Testament – Isaiah 2 verses 1 to 5 :

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Gospel – Matthew 24 verses 36 to 44 :

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Easy Fundraising! Christmas is coming and many of us will be using the internet for our online shopping. Revd Paul would like to recommend the website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> . Over 8000 retailers work with Easyfundraising to generate donations for many charities whilst we shop! Go to the website, sign up, choose your own charity (*FYI All Saints' charity # is 1160333*) then go shopping... Thank you!

NOTICES

Martock Foodbank will support about 40 households with Christmas parcels, in Martock and nearby plus provide bags for seniors in the village. If you can, donations will be received at the 9.30am service at All Saints' on Sundays 30th Nov and 7th Dec or direct to The George cafe during opening hours. Most needed are selection biscuit boxes, iced slabs of Christmas cake, Christmas puddings, tins of ham and salmon, cheese biscuits or any Christmas treats with a date beyond Christmas. These will go into festive boxes with fresh produce and basic provisions for Christmas! Thank you, in advance!

Christmas Market at All Saints' is on Saturday 6 December, 10am to 2.30pm! Sally is still looking for a few helpers on the day - please let her know (824238) if you are able to welcome people or help on a stall. Please speak to Diana or Jane Cockerham if you can provide homemade cakes. Paperback books, and chocolate, sweets or Christmas goodies for the tombola and raffle can be left in the side pews near the library area in the church. Do come along on the day and invite your friends! Thank you!

Christmas Concert by Kingsbury Episcopi Band on Sat 20 December at 7pm in St Martin's Church, KE. Tickets £12 on the door or £10 in advance from community shop or from Graham 01935 823 678; raising funds for St Martin's!

All Saints' Church – please note that the church will not be cleaned on Tue 2 December but will be on Tue 9 December after the Christmas Market!

Tiddlers – have been very busy recently with record numbers attending! They have enjoyed making firework art, exploring autumn, and making flatbreads together. As Christmas approaches, they are excited to be able to share the good news of the Christmas story with the families who join each week—no doubt with plenty of glitter and sparkle! A huge thank-you to all the volunteers who serve so faithfully every Thursday. Please do not leave toy donations without prior agreement – thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY – 7th December 2025: Advent 2

9.30am Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock

11.00am Morning Prayer in Holy Trinity, Ash

11.00am Holy Communion in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney



CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025

Thu 4 Dec	7.30pm	Wayfarer's Carol Service in All Saints', Martock
Sat 13 Dec	10am to 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival in St Martin's, KE
	3pm	Toy Service for Salvation Army Appeal in St Martin's, KE
Sun 14 Dec	11am to 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival in St Martin's, KE
Sun 14 Dec	6.30pm	Carol Service in All Saints', Martock

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Wed 24 Dec	11.00am	Carol Service in St Peter & St Paul, Muchelney
	4.00pm	Crib Service in All Saints', Martock
	4.00pm	Christingle Service in St Martin's, KE
	10.00pm	1 st Communion of Christmas in Holy Trinity, Ash
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass in All Saints', Martock



CHRISTMAS DAY:

Thu 25 Dec	10.00am	Benefice Christmas Holy Communion in All Saints', Martock
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Next Week

Sat	29 th	10.00am	Quiet Day in All Saints', Martock
Tue	2 nd	12noon	Funeral service for Janet & David Wilkinson at Yeovil Crem
		1.30pm	The Mothers' Union meet in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in All Saints', Martock
Wed	3 rd	10.00am	Coffee 'n Chat in the Pavillion, Ash
		12noon	Funeral service for Barbara Moore in St Martin's, KE
		7.30pm	Bell ringing practice in St Martin's, Kingsbury Episcopi
Thu	4 th	10.00am	Tiddlers, toddler group at All Saints', Martock
		2.00pm	Funeral service for Anthony Vivan in All Saints', Martock
		7.30pm	Contemplation in Church Rooms, Kingsbury Episcopi
		7.30pm	The Wayfarers' Carol Service in All Saints', Martock
Fri	5 th	10.00am	The Guide Dogs meet in All Saints', Martock
		1.00pm	Setting up for Christmas Market in All Saints', Martock
		6.00pm	Music rehearsals in All Saints', Martock
Sat	6 th	10.00am	Christmas Market in All Saints', Martock

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+ Holy Trinity, Ash <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11007/>

+ St Martin's, KE <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11270/>

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Tiddlers – for toddlers with their mums, dads or carers in Martock in TERM TIME

All enquiries to tiddlers.martock@gmail.com

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3rd Hymn – Offertory Hymn

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

*Ring out! Ring out! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

*Ring out! Ring out! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

*Ring out! Ring out! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

*Ring out! Ring out! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

*Ring out! Ring out! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Alfred Tennyson